

VOICE OF THE RESIDENTS

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Sister Act . . .

MORE GREETINGS!

by *Sarah Cooper and Eva Leah Milbouer*

The year is running out, dear heaven!
And here comes nineteen ninety-seven.
There's barely time for us to cheer
The folks that brightened up our year.
First we'll stop to oh-and-ah-go
For our fun with the *Mikado*.
Hurrah for Emily's fine-tuned playing
Which kept our minds from music straying.
Give praise for Legg, that's Nanki-Poo,
And Palmer Futchter's Koko, too.
We'll cheer for Slaughter's microphones
Making audible our tones.
Give Ellicott some special pats
For making those engaging hats.
An extra prize is Lynn Buck's fee.
She typed the words for all to see.
Remember well the three maids' names:
Rebecca, Pattie, Karen James,
And Pooh-Bah, done by Doug Bareis,
For them our praise will never cease,
Or Karolyn whose skip and dance
We don't omit by any chance,
We'll not forget Rich Compton's part--
Let's hail his fine dramatic art.
Sincere our kudos for the Chorus,
They sang those songs so blithely for us.
Next hail our officers, Tom and others,
Helping us to get our druthers.
Garlands surely go to Sharpless,
His accounting leaves us carpless.
Buck, whose minutes cover lots,
Scott, Frank Hijikata, Motz--
All, as we are more than hinting,
Win our gratitude unstinting.
Let's give palms to Marjie Plitt,
Her Trail Days are a yearly hit
For rosebeds' gifts to nose and eyes
McCartney and his crew take prize.

That bridge continues Tuesday night
Thank Marcia Evert's oversight.
An Oscar goes to Abe and Mel
For Open Forum's running well.
Give enthusiastic praise
For Marj and Mary's Barn Sale days
Encomiums we can well afford
For Margaret Gimbrede's bulletin board.
To Judy Johnson stars because
Her Sunday concerts rate applause.
For transportation--coins or shekels
We should offer to Claire Eckels.
A wreath for Sarah Jones and elves
Who keep the library's ordered shelves.
Award for *Let's Sing's* mellow tones
Goes, of course, to Harry Jones.
A medal for each volunteer
Who visits Hallowell with cheer.
Give plaudits then to Mary Louise
Who beautifies our grounds with ease.
Acclaim the pair of Grant and Cord--
They plan the tours--it's "All aboard!"
To Nancy Rowe blue ribbon goes,
She shares the nature lore she knows.
We hail, because there're so few losers,
Stephenson and movie choosers,
And bravo for the Ackermans twain,
Their stint at Bingo is our gain.
The first of every month rejoice
For Harry Scott and Residents' *Voice*.
There're some not mentioned: Heisey's Store,
Shapiro's art class, folk dance, more--
Robinson and woodshop crew,
Photographers and sewers too.
And now to Dottie Clapp we're turning
To praise "Adventues" found "in Learning."
And Hobelmann earns medal bright,
His programs run on Saturday night.
Viva! hail! with breath we muster
Cheer the reps of every Cluster.
No matter whom we cheer and hail,
Our aim to mention all will fail.
As '96 winds swiftly out,
For '97 give a shout!

In Memoriam

RUTH F. PLANT

April 2, 1905 - January 12, 1997

Apartment Changes . . .

Helen Dost	D-9 to T-312
Katherine Dost	D-9 to T-314
Harriet Duncan	R-5 to C-1
Emma Thomas	P-9 to T-307

CONCERTS IN THE LOUNGE

Residents Association Music Committee
Judy Johnson, Chairman

Sunday, February 2, 1:45 p.m.
(Peabody) Bay Street Brassworks

Sunday, February 16, 1:45 p.m.
Ms. Dan Yu, harpist

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VESPERS

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Sunday, February 16, 1997

4:30--5:00 p.m.

in the Lounge

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Harry S. Scott, *Chaplain*

Concordia Lodge, No. 13, A.F.&A.M.

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The Residents' Vespers Committee welcomes suggestions for names of clergy who may be willing to lead a vespers service at Broadmead. Please contact Elsa Lundgren at 785-5697 or by note in message box R-16.

M*S*S*H Men's Saturday Social Hour

John De Hoff and Mel Spragins, Coordinators

At 9:30 a.m. on Alternate Saturdays in February

February 8: WALT HUDSON

An Amazing Avocation

February 22: HERBERT R. HOOPES

*Not Much Money but A Whole Lot of Fun
in Farming*

HALLOWELL/TAYLOR EVENTS

by Catherine Lang, Activities Coordinator

EVERYONE WELCOME AT ALL EVENTS

Mardi Gras Party	on February 5 at 3:00 pm
Cartoonist Jack Meckler	on February 12 at 3:00 pm
Valentine's Party	on February 14 at 3:00 pm
David Foster and Poetry	on February 17 at 3:00 pm
Winter Picnic	on February 19 at 11:30 am
Donna Drigan's Baltimore History	on February 20 at 10:30 am

THURSDAY OPEN FORUM

by Nydia Finch

February 13 - 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Deborah Povich

Executive Director of
Common Cause, Maryland

Topic: CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

February 27 - 10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Kalman Hettleman

Former Director of Maryland
Department of Human Services

Topic: POVERTY IN AMERICA

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SATURDAY PROGRAM OFFERINGS

by Charles Hobelmann, Chairman

General Program Committee

Saturday, February 8, 7:15 p.m.

JEAN HARVEY BAKER

"The Perils and Pleasures of Writing the
History of the Adlai Stevensons"

Saturday, February 22, 7:15 p.m.

BILL AND MIRIAM HYDE

"Adventures East—A Taste of the Exotic [Part 1]"

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HEALTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Betsey Spragins, Chairman

Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 a.m. * [Note Time]
HEARING LOSS AND TREATMENT
Doctor James Kelly, of G.B.M.C.

MOVIES ON TUESDAYS AT SEVEN.

by Jeanne Stephenson, *Chairman*

2/4 SHADOWLANDS 1985 92 min. [BBC]

Joss Acland, Claire Bloom

Based on the life of C. S. Lewis. An Oxford professor, Lewis leads a comfortable life with his bachelor brother but feels something is missing. An American correspondent, a poet named Joy Gresham, arranges to meet him. The story is about how he is changed when he falls in love with this forthright woman. Lovely performances by the stars; exceptional script by William Nicholson. Remade in 1993.

2/11 EMMA [Part 1] 1972 128 min.

Doran Goodwin, John Carson, Robert East, Ania Marson, Donald Eccles, Raymond Adamson, Ellen Dryden.

Emma, handsome, clever and rich, presides over her father's manor and the surrounding province. Jane Austen wrote of this character, "No one but myself could like her." Mr. Knightley, however, who has known Emma since she was a child, watches her, is amused and sometimes angered by her, and ends by professing his love for her. This BBC dramatization brings to life all the glorious wit and sharp humor of Austen's novel.

2/18 EMMA [Part 2] 1972 128 mins.

2/25 THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM

THE COLD 1965 112 min. *+**

Richard Burton, Claire Bloom, Oskar Werner, Sam Wanamaker

Based on the novel by John LeCarre'. A potent account of a Cold War spy's existence—minus the glamorous trappings of movie cliché. Burton is excellent as an embittered agent at end of his career.



A First Lady's Words of Wisdom

"[T]he United States needs to resurrect with conviction and daring the good American word 'liberal,' which derives from the word free. . . . We must cherish and honor the word free or it will cease to apply to us."

—Eleanor Roosevelt in her book *Tomorrow Is Now* (1963)

DOC IN A BOX

—John B. De Hoff, M.D.

Health Care Education Subcommittee

To help avoid dry or itchy skin, several simple guidelines will help to winterize your skin.

A bath washes away natural skin oils of body and hands. To protect naturally soft and flexible skin, keep the bath or shower short, make it warm, not hot, and use less soap. If you have very dry skin, use bath oil.

- Creams, conditioners, moisturizers, body oils help more if used both day and night.

- Use a room humidifier, especially at bedtime. The extra moisture will also minimize dryness of throat or eyes.

- Layer warm clothing to protect better against harsh winter weather.

Carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning

Before starting your car after a snowfall, clear away any snow blocking the exhaust pipe. During last year's record snowstorm in the Northeast, 22 cases of CO poisoning, one fatal, were reported in New York City alone. Most resulted from CO exposure as people sat in their idling automobiles while snow blocked the exhaust pipe. Twelve victims were over age 50. [From Johns Hopkins Medical Letter, Jan 97]

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Perhaps for others in your family:

Support Services. Friends Health Connection provides one-to-one support for individuals with health problems, and their families. The nonprofit network matches participants based on age, health problem(s), personal background, attitudes, and lifestyle effects.

Contact the organization at 1-800-48-FRIEND or at <http://www.48friend.com>.



The man who can kiss a pretty girl while driving is not giving the kiss the attention it deserves.

"Weather is a Literary Specialty"

by Sarah Cooper

January 10: "There is a sumptuous variety about New England weather," wrote Mark Twain appreciatively. After enjoying record-breaking warmth in late December, quickly followed by cold and snow in early January, we value variety but question *sumptuous* as an appropriate description. True, snowdrops were blooming in the Focal Point during that warm spell. Driving Perimeter Road past the beginning of the Trail, you can still see them from a car window. You don't even have to get out and walk up the path. In many of our gardens, daffodils have shot up several inches. Forsythia has bloomed spottily on a few branches here and there. Nevertheless, it's winter.

Snow began falling yesterday in fine flakes. For days, weather reports had foretold this storm.

January's Open Forum

by Melchijah Spragins

Barry Rascovar, speaking on "Maryland's Political Landscape," gave a very clear and interesting presentation of the minefields through which our governor, delegates, and senators must find their ways during the present legislative session. He drew a comparison between political activities in the Maryland legislature and in Congress, exhibiting the fact that our state legislators get necessary things accomplished despite party differences, whereas Congress is entangled with a high degree of difficulty with party political agendas and little bipartisan cooperation.

He referred to the legislative session as a drama in three acts: [1] Pre-session statements by the Governor in his State of the State address; [2] means by which we may pay for his proposals; and [3] the position of the President of the Senate and his co-actors.

The Governor offered programs for families and children; conservative spending by controlling the budget to a state of balance; liberal expansion of existing programs and introduction of new programs: [i] cut taxes over three years, ultimately reaching a reduction of \$450 million. This is a bone tossed to the business community. [ii] Free college tuition to students maintaining a B average if their family's annual income is below \$39,000; [iii] control of land growth by controlling unplanned development, and

Soon the flakes were larger and began really covering the ground. By night, the hillside was white, plows had kept the Fire Lane clear. Temperatures had gone up, and the promised rain and sleet had materialized. Concert-goers, undismayed by threat of poor driving conditions, went off to the symphony.

Today the sun shines brightly; the sky is blue and mostly unclouded. Little by little, snow on the hillside has melted, and the line of white has crept visibly downward toward the road. Near my patio, in the shade, snow remains two inches deep, clings in tufts to small bushes, suggests unsumptuous frigidity. Daylight hours have noticeably increased, especially in the evening. We have survived our first snowfall. It wasn't a blizzard. We are not repeating last year's horrendous winter. Let's rejoice in our Middle Atlantic variety.

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Correction: Trail Day will be April 15 (rain April 17)

improving existing communities. Local officials are fearful of losing their zoning authority; [iv] Brown Fields legislation, for properties scattered throughout the state, where companies cannot afford the cost of removing toxic materials from the soil. In Baltimore alone, this involves 3,100 acres; [v] save farmlands, create greenspace and woodlands - but can Maryland afford \$160 million over five years?; [vi] the funding of Baltimore public schools is so projected that it will not be approved in order to require equal distribution to other areas of state; [vii] free medical care to pregnant women earning less than \$39,000 annually and who cannot obtain health insurance. This cost is estimated to be \$6 million.

Budget-cutting responsibility alternates between House and Senate. The House is responsible this year. Caspar Taylor is an undisclosed candidate for Governor and would like to look better than Glendening. He wishes to expand the sales tax to include services as well as products, also to reduce the income tax and lower the sales tax rate.

Miller, President of the Senate, copes with individual senatorial agendas and acts as middle-man between the Governor and the House of Delegates. He opposes increasing the tobacco tax. Co-actors are Robert Neal, very intelligent and an expert in fiscal policy, and Senator Barbara Hoffman who chairs the budget and taxation committee.

Who will run for Governor in 1998? The competitors are Cas Taylor, Ben Cardin, "Dutch" Ruppertsberger, Duncan, and Eileen Rehrman.

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING

Dorothy Clapp, *Chairman*

When East Meets West:

*The Arts and Culture of the Medieval Islamic World
and their European Connection*

Three slide lectures by Doctor Shreve Simpson,
Curator of Islamic Art, Walters Art Gallery

Wednesday, February 19th - Spread of Islam to
Europe and fusion of artistic to additions (7th
to 10th Centuries)

Wednesday, February 26 - Islam in the West,
Christianity in the East (12th to 14th
Centuries)

*In March, a lecture on the 5th and group tour to the
Gallery on the 18th*

Watch for fliers in boxes and sign-up sheet.

Celestial Constancy

My love

Have you seen the winter moon this night
Magnificent, oval, pale—yet bright?
Surface etched with lunar rills
Tucked against the distant hills
Silent, stark—she gently guides
The rhythm of earth's seas and tides.

Take my hand

Let us walk together through
Moonlit meadows damp with dew
Name each sparkling brilliant star
Scattered preordained so far
Away in darkened skies above,
Moon and stars, ever constant as our love
Now and through eternity.

*Barbara W. Hudson
January, 1997*

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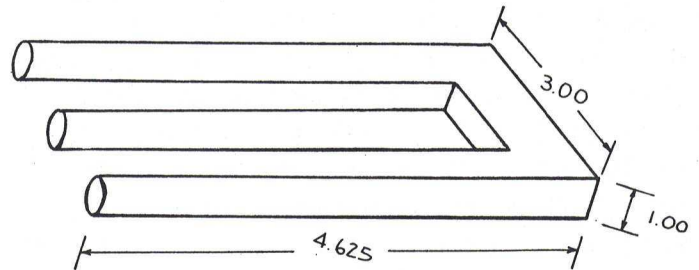
Let's Sing!

with HARRY JONES
OLD FAVORITES

Thursday, February 13 - 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge
Mary Lou Moon and Jim Willan at the piano

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Camera Club Meeting
Friday, February 14
in Lower Lounge-10:30



The Blundering Blivet comes to us from the Eastman Kodak Co., who were using it to check resolution on their Verifax copiers. Unfortunately, its originator is anonymous so we can't credit him with one of the most intriguing optical illusions to come from a drafting room. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did.

Weather

I called a friend today.

She lives in an inland city

In a house that gets hot as a furnace

On dog days like this.

"Isn't the heat awful?" I said.

She said, "Oh, no. It's good for my hip. I

haven't had a tinge of pain since this hot spell
began.

She says cold weather is invigorating

And rain on the roof "sings her to sleep."

She "just loves" the snow.

And fog, "Oh, fog is lovely—so gentle, you know."

I asked her, "If you could choose any weather,

What weather would you choose?"

She said, "Next Monday."

"What?," I asked. "How can you possibly know what
Monday's weather will be?"

"I don't," she said. "Don't you see? That's the fun of it.

I like God to choose

And then have Him

Surprise me."

—Suggested by Evelyn McCartney

Let's Dance!

Big Bands of Yesteryear in Stereo

Eddie Slaughter, *Chairman*

Dances will be held on the second Monday of the
month. Come to dance, or just to enjoy the music.

7:00 P.M. in the Lounge

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

Catherine G. Motz:

A HISTORY OF BROADMEAD

[Ed. note: *This is the last in a series by Resident Catherine Motz, originally prepared for the Board of Trustees of Friends Lifetime Care Center of Baltimore, Inc.*

With the appointment of Executive Director Martin Trueblood, and the site having been selected, the Board of Trustees turned their attention to the tasks of construction and organization. The Facilities-Activities-Building Committee wrote specifications for the Architect to follow. Under the leadership of Kenneth O. Walker, in meeting after meeting the group discussed each item. Visits to showrooms and conventions suggested ideas. The volume of work was such that the group divided into two parties: construction, and activities.

The Whiting Turner Company was signed as construction managers, and a guaranteed maximum price of \$17.867 million (later increased to \$18.213 million) was agreed upon. Their responsibility was to do preplanning, to prepare and advertise bids, and to recommend which bids to accept. On their advice, the Board negotiated with the bidders. The Company supervised construction, applied for necessary permits, met legal requirements, and in general handled the details. Included was site preparation, draining, land-scaping, and construction of the central building and clusters. In the end, the erection of the clusters was subcontracted to homebuilders Heiser & O'Shea who were more experienced in this type of building.

The Construction Committee, responsible for bids and change orders, daily faced problems. Great delay resulted while drilling jack-holes for the three elevator shafts. Abnormal quantities of subsurface material were excavated and holes caved in. Consultants recommended "forced-grouting" of a sand and cement mixture to make the soil more stable—at a cost of nearly \$143,000—for which the subcontractor was found not liable.

Disagreements about the use of non-union laborers were not mollified until two separate entrances were provided for union and non-union workers. Late construction caused delays in our occupancy, and County permits were not forthcoming, so that Residents who had sold their homes and had had moving dates assigned, were provided temporary quarters at Holly House, in motels, or with their relatives. Broadmead paid their restaurant bills.

Mud was everywhere, but staff and volunteers coped daily with the problems.

The Activities Committee planned policies for the library, workshops, bank, beauty and barber shops, greenhouse, and dining facilities. It became obvious that a Residents Association was needed.

Martin Trueblood arrived in early 1976 to open an office at the Stony Run Friends Meeting-house where the Admissions Committee interviewed prospective Residents. By the end of the year, 77 charter applications had been accepted. Kendal at Longwood and other life care facilities in the Philadelphia area gave invaluable assistance, freely offering their forms to be used as models for the many documents required here. Semmes Bowen & Semmes scrutinized the documents to assure their legality.

A Communications Committee generated newsletters and early advertisements at no expense to the Board. Mailings went to Friends School patrons and alumni; to Morgan State University faculty, and to other lists. Seminars were held at which speakers discussed the selling of residences, described the progress of construction, and exhibited samples of building materials, paints, and carpet.

An Interior Design Committee employed John Ford as consultant but did not always adopt his recommendations. The Committee stuck by its own choices and—despite mistakes—the end result was pleasing.

Harry Dundore gave to Broadmead the furnishings which were in Holly House, including many antiques and carpets later appraised at between 40 and 50 thousand dollars. These give the property a gracious air.

The Health Care Committee was fortunate to have the advice of a nurse-practitioner and two doctors, Trustees, who could scrutinize the medical histories of our applicants and ascertain which of five levels of care would be appropriate for each.

The Finance Committee under John Carnell drew up a tentative budget for Broadmead. A year after we opened, a review of the actuals found them astonishingly close to his predictions. Local banks were not knowledgeable about the CCRC concept, so we turned to a Philadelphia bank which agreed to lend \$11.5 million at prime-plus-2%. Union Trust Co. was the Baltimore affiliate, thus Signet has a branch here now. Other loans and guarantees were required and secured, including \$486,805 borrowed

from the Stony Run Friends Meeting at 9-1/2% through July of 1984.

Tax-exempt status was another problem faced by the Board. The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation originally granted us charitable and benevolent status. But when Fairhaven applied, it was denied and ours was revoked. We are currently paying property taxes.

"Broadmead," chosen as the name, is the Quaker meetinghouse in the outskirts of Bristol, England, at which George Fox, founder of the Religious Society of Friends, was married to Margaret Fell on October 27, 1669.

As I went over my notes and old Board minutes, I again realized the dedication of individuals—workmen, staff, and Trustees—who gave so freely of time and effort to make Broadmead what it is today. I now understand why there are companies specializing in the construction and management of Lifetime Care facilities. Few Boards would be so willing to give of themselves to establish a facility. The Board's personal input was one of Broadmead's strengths as we started out. I realize that in the future there will have to be other criteria that will keep Broadmead Number One!

Tall blonde: "I want a pair of red, open-toed shoes with low heels."

Shoe salesman: "To go with what?"

Blonde: "A short office manager."

Statistically Correct

"It's great to see fresh faces and youthful energy!" was our greeting eight years ago. Recently I reached that weird statistic of "median age at Broadmead of 83 years." This calls for lightsome, personal analysis of the equal number of those older than 83—and those younger.

Every day I celebrate one who glides gracefully past my window with ramrod posture and half smile; then I straighten my back for five minutes! I marvel at the over-ninety persona who earnestly fights for every good cause with humor and perspective. Who cannot help admire the ninety-year-old who has a remarkable knack of making something out of nothing for the amazement of others. There are those who are models clothes-wise—simplicity in skirt and blouse or straight out of *Vogue*.

And what about the ones who are under the median age of 83—those who celebrate the intrinsic beauty of weeds, grow arugula for culinary delectation, sow rows of pink and purple nicotiana to embroider the deck? I'll try emulating those who work with school-age children during voting hours. Some day I'll learn some dance steps and enjoy water exercises. May I always share the enthusiasm of the curious, exploring geographically and intellectually with "I found something really exciting today!"

Wannabe Pollyanna, a.k.a.

Marjorie B. Jones



Zelma Clark

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by Sarah D. Jones



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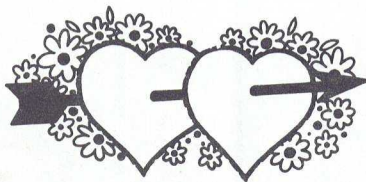
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